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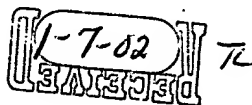
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Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application,  
please consider the remarks provided below.

REMARKS

Applicants have presented previously arguments in support of their contention that their invention differs from Schwuttke et al. in terms of purpose, function and composition. By not addressing Applicants' points of argument, the Examiner has failed to refute Applicants' arguments. If the Examiner maintains the grounds of rejection set forth in the Final rejection, Applicants request the Examiner to specifically address the following points, previously presented by Applicants, and indicate, with specificity, how the system disclosed in Schwuttke et al. operates in a manner similar to Applicants' invention and where, in Schwuttke et al., the elements, features and details of Applicants' invention, as defined by the claims, are disclosed.

- Schwuttke et al. relates to a three dimensional picture of a space. The system of Schwuttke et al. is a "situation visualizer" that can function in one - (linear), two - (area), or three - (volume) dimensions. This situation visualizer draws the attention of the eye of the user to some activity of interest at one or more various points within the three dimensional picture of the space.